

122 Chestnut Street,
Springfield, Massachusetts,
November 29, 1943.

Meredith F. Burrill, Director,
U. S. Department of the Interior,
Board on Geographical Names,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Burrill:

You have under consideration for presentation to the next meeting of the United States Geographic Board my letter regarding the Sacramento Mountains, in New Mexico. I sent the same letter to the Secretary of State of New Mexico and of Texas. For your information I enclose copies of the two replies. I realize that the Geographic Board is the final authority in the matter and that their decision must govern. All I expected, originally, was a clearer definition than now appears in the Sixth Report. I think it may be well to include a definition of the Guadalupe Mountains, with a definite statement as to what portion of them (if any) may properly be considered a part of the Sacramento Mountains.

I call your attention to a circular issued by U. S. Department of Agriculture (Forest Service, 1931) covering Lincoln National Forest, Southwestern District. The map on the back of this circular separates distinctly the Guadalupe from the Sacramento Mountains; the latter do not reach the Texas border. The same distinction holds true on all the official road and highway maps of New Mexico, and Texas, on the map in the Texas Almanac, and on the maps of latest Hammond Atlas, etc.

Yours truly,

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